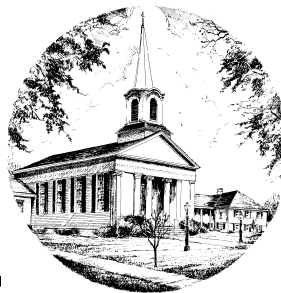


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TREASURER'S NOTES

April was a great month for SBRC. We continue to enjoy one another's company during worship, in the dining room during fellowship, and out in the community. There is excitement in the air as we plan the 175th anniversary of our church. In the upcoming weeks we will gather to spruce up our building and grounds. It is so uplifting to be able to gather together once again.



It was also a great month financially. We received \$10,800 in pledges. Classis dues continue to come in. It was so nice to see the church full on Easter Sunday. Donations were very generous. We even had a group rent out our dining room to hold a seminar.

The Roast Beef dinner was a huge success. Since the pandemic, our dinners had been "Take Out Only". But we decided it was time to open the dining room in 2023 to allow people the opportunity to eat together. For the first two dinners of the year, most people continued to do take out. However, this dinner showed an increase interest in the dine in option. Thanks to Tyson and the kitchen crew, to Tracy and the dining room crew, and all who came out to support this fund raiser, we made a profit of \$2,423.



Expenses for April were average - no large or unexpected bills. We started the month \$1,423 in the red, but thanks to your generosity and support we ended April, \$3,784 in the black. Way to go SBRC. Let's keep up the good work for the rest of the year.

May God continue to bless our church and its people.

~ Robyn Friedlander



June Birthdays:

- 1 Danielle Burt
- 4 Mike Mastrosimone
- 6 Thomas Sarles
- 8 Jennette Neske
- 9 Samuel Neske
- 22 Kelly Stabile
- 27 Kim Kowalchuk
- 28 Armando Franco



June Anniversaries:

- 15 William & Rebecca Wright
- 19 Frank & Barbara Eckert
- 30 Tom & Sherry Marlatt

Summer Kick-Off Carnival & Ice Cream Social

To celebrate a great year of Sunday School

Sunday, June 4

Following the Children's Moment – 12 PM

RSVP to your teacher



The Sunday School will wrap up our year on Sunday, June 4th. To celebrate a great year and the start of Summer, the teachers are hosting a Summer-Kick Off Carnival for our students and Ice Cream Social (during coffee hour) for the entire congregation. The children will begin in Church and following the year-end ceremony will head out for some fun. Younger siblings (and Grandchildren) are welcome and encouraged to attend!

I want to send a special thank you to all our Sunday School Volunteers that helped make this school year a success. Our teachers: Kat Tan, Sharon Schwar, Jen Kruze, Rich Sarles, Debbie Norz, our assistants and substitutes: Kelly Stabile, Adam Franco, Nancy Murray, Mary Nunn, Jessica Nunn, Danielle Dougherty and Megan Norz and our Special Event helpers: Mariel and Mark Gulla, Sarah and Jacob Davenport, Isobel Green, Gia Zeban and Katie Burt. We were very blessed to have had such a great turnout of volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you.

Wishing all our students, volunteers, and Church families a blessed and safe summer break and looking forward to catching up on Sunday mornings. Watch for information throughout the Summer regarding our Welcome Back picnic and the start of our 2023-2024 school year.

Tracy Davenport

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It's taken us many years to get here, so we are pulling out all of the plugs to celebrate. Our subcommittees have been busy making plans to make our 175th truly a memorable year – not just a day.

While 2025 is still a few years away, you will start seeing some lead up events starting to pop up. There will be fundraising events planned in the near future to help to offset costs for the celebrations. Stay tuned, South Branch – there's great things happening!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

It is our pleasure each year to congratulate the graduates in our immediate and extended church family. Congratulations to:



Sarah Davenport, daughter of Tracy & Dan Davenport and granddaughter of Judy & Dick Coates, will graduate from Hillsborough High School on June 20, 2022.

Rebecca Madsen, granddaughter of Judy & Dick Coates, graduated from Dulaney High School on May 30, 2023.

Michael Powell, son of Britt & Joanne Powell, graduated on June 15, 2023 from Somerville High School.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met on Sunday, May 28th to discuss "Black Cake: A Novel" by Charmaine Wilkerson. In June, the Book Club will be meeting on Sunday, June 25th at 7pm via Zoom to discuss "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes. All are welcome to join in the discussion and the fun!!

Summer 2023 Book Club List:

June "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes

July "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

August "The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot" by Marianne Cronin

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE

June 4:

Genesis 1:1-2,4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 11:

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

June 18:

Genesis 18:1-115

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25:

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



FROM THE PASTOR...

On June 5th, I will be traveling back to Pella, IA to attend the 2023 RCA General Synod. While it is not a trip for relaxation & exploration, it is an opportunity to reconnect with long-time friends as we gather for the business of the RCA. I covet your prayers for safe travel and a productive meeting!



It has been a busy couple of months at SBRC and the arrival of June usually brings a “slow-down” period. Members and friends will take some well-deserved time off from work to enjoy the weather, their families, and friends. Some will travel to other locations for a bit of relaxation and others will opt for “stay-cations”. Regardless, we are all looking forward to warmer temperatures and the opportunity to wind down for a bit. While we are getting ready for summer breaks/vacations, please remember that SBRC remains open for worship & fellowship opportunities.

Worship will move to the Dining Room on June 18th and be available via Zoom.

Thank you for all that you do to make SBRC such a great place!!

Pastor ST

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group met during coffee hour on May 21st to clip and sort stamps for our final time before summer break. Our deepest thanks go to everyone in the congregation who bring in stamps each month. We will still be collecting stamps over the summer months, so be on the lookout. The stamp basket is in the church office on the shelf next to the door. Just drop them in as you walk past on your way to the sanctuary. Hopefully, the basket will be overflowing by the time we return to clipping stamps in September. The Alliance Stamp Ministry where we send out stamps has raised more than \$8,000 to print Sunday School materials in Spanish so far this year. There is a great opportunity in world mission today to reach these children for Jesus. Collecting and sending stamps is just one small way that we can be a part of that outreach. Your stamps could help a child come to know Him.



The coins that you dropped into the River Blindness container (just outside the sanctuary doors) for the month of May totaled \$24.00 and will bring the Women's Mission fund to more than \$100, and we will send a check for that total to River Blindness Mission to help provide much needed medicines and surgeries in Africa. We will continue to collect coins (and dollar bills) over the summer months. Please create a small habit of contributing your change to this worthy mission work.



Lynne Lothian

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Reception of New Members Sunday School Summer Kick-Off & Ice Cream Social	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Summer Worship Begins	12	13	14 Knit, Pray, Crochet 7:00pm at the Stockman home	15	16	17
18 Worship moves to the Dining Room for Summer	19	20	21 Consistory 7:30pm in the Parlor	22	23	24
25 Book Club 7pm via Zoom	26	27	28 Knit, Pray, Crochet 7:00pm at the Stockman home	29	30	

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Mrs. Jennifer Feaster ~ Preschool Director
Mrs. Maritza Acosta ~ Sexton

HOME FUNDRAISER

Join us on June 10th in the countryside for a fun family event. HOME has been chosen as a beneficiary of the 2023 Hunterdon Polo Classic. Enjoy a fast-paced match, classic cars and other fun features.



Field-side tailgate packages and general admission tickets (Adults \$40, free children under 12). Gates open on June 10th at 12pm, polo starts at 2:00pm. Tailgate set-up is between 9am and 12pm at the Fieldview Farm located at 342 Quackertown Rd in Pittstown, NJ 08867. For tickets call 908-722-0600. See you at the races!